

# Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge

## Special Events For Visitors of All Ages



The following upcoming events will take place at Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Visitor Center/Refuge Office Hours: Open - Monday through Saturday, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm.**

The center is now open Saturdays. Visitor Services park rangers will be in the office or roving to answer any questions. The center is closed Sundays and federal holidays including Independence Day and Labor Day. From the refuge entrance on West Prairie Rd., follow the paved road to the end.

**Roving Rangers** - Saturdays through August 23 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Enjoy guided hiking with Refuge park rangers on the nature trail located by the observation deck to look for birds, muskrats, and other interesting highlights. Obtain brochures and maps. Location: Stop at the Visitor Center/Refuge Office to contact a park ranger.

**Volunteers on Deck** – Weekends through September, volunteers are scheduled to be available on the observation deck. Volunteers will have bird books, and a variety of other identification books, as well as, brochures and maps to assist visitors. Stop in and chat with these very special refuge folks.

**Information Hotline** – The refuge now has an information hotline to inform visitors about current wildlife sightings and refuge activities. Callers may access the hotline (not a live person) by calling (608)539-2311, ext. 13.

**General Information** – If you would like more information about any of the events or refuge activities, you may contact a park ranger, by calling 608/539-2311, ext. 16.

**Mark these special dates on your calendars...**

**June 23 - Evening "Creature Creep" with a Park Ranger** – Whooo, Whooo goes there? Join park rangers for an evening creature creep on the Refuge trails. Look, listen and feel the Refuge come alive on a 1½-hour evening walk in the woods. Meet rangers at the Refuge office at 8 PM. Reservations are encouraged. Call 608/539-2311, ext. 16 to sign up.

**June 24 – Adaptive Equipment Showcase** – This event will feature outdoor adaptive equipment for persons with physical disabilities and their families. Throughout the day, there will be demonstrations; equipment to try out, get into and look at; professionals on site to talk to about specialized equipment; and a wonderful opportunity to meet other persons with disabilities who are getting outdoors and participating in a variety of activities such as hunting, fishing, boating, and camping; and much, more! The event will be from 9 AM to 2 PM near the Refuge office area.

**July 8 - Prairie Hike with a Park Ranger** – Saturday, join park rangers for a guided nature hike through the prairie. The guided hike will meet at the Prairie View Trail located along the Wildlife Drive. Meet at the Prairie View Trail parking lot at 10:00 am. This leisurely hike will last approximately 1 hour and will provide visitors with information about prairie wildflowers and some prairie legends. The walk is open to people of all ages and free of charge.

**July 1 - Curious Canoeists!** – Join park rangers for a 1½-hour canoe tour on the Refuge pools. Join us to see what we might discover on a gentle paddle in the Refuge. Meet at the boat ramp located just off the Wildlife Drive in the Refuge. The paddle will begin at 8:30 AM. Water, sunscreen, and insect repellent recommended. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited - reservations are required. Call 608/539-2311, ext. 16 to sign up.

**July 14 - Evening "Creature Creep" with a Park Ranger** – Whooo, Whooo goes there? Join park rangers for an evening creature creep on the Refuge trails. Look, listen and feel the Refuge come alive on a 1½-hour evening walk in the woods. Meet rangers at the Refuge office at 8 PM. Reservations are encouraged. Call 608/539-2311, ext. 16 to sign up.

**July 15 - Prairie Blooms!** – Take a wildflower walk with refuge volunteers. Learn about the wildflowers in bloom on the refuge. The guided hike will meet at the Prairie View Trail located along the Wildlife Drive. Meet at the Prairie View Trail parking lot at 10:00 am. This leisurely hike will last approximately 1 hour.

**August 4 - Evening Paddle on the Refuge** – Join park rangers for an **evening** 1½-hour canoe tour on the Refuge pools. Join us to see what we might discover on a gentle paddle in the Refuge. Meet at the boat ramp located just off the Wildlife Drive in the Refuge. The paddle will begin at 6 PM. Water, sunscreen, and insect repellent recommended. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 608/539-2311, ext. 16 to sign up.

- **All programs are free unless otherwise noted and can be subject to change or cancellation.**